

I am writing you this letter protesting the Sinclair Broadcasting Group's unprofessional action in its projected airing of a lengthy assault on the integrity and patriotism of the Honorable Senator John Kerry. Sinclair's order that its national network affiliates are to pre-empt their regularly scheduled programs solely to promote George W. Bush's continued presidency is flouting the law to serve the public interest. This is flagrant advertising of the most unsavory kind and it must be prevented by the FCC -- you.

The airwaves are owned by me and others who make up the "general public", and I may remind you that broadcasting companies have the use of them free of charge. Given these franchises at no cost to them, all profits are theirs. I receive not one penny. What I do expect in return, however, is responsible reportage. Sinclair's plan to air this vindictive and gratuitous "smear" does not qualify, even minimally -- and you, our federal watchdog, are charged to act in our behalf.

Therefore, my appeal is that you deny Sinclair the opportunity to interject its political, unfounded bias into the current election process. Further, I ask that you deny continuation of its license to broadcast in America should they refuse your direction.

Thank you very much for considering a request from a nonpartisan, independent voter.

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